

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application mailed January 26, 2004. The Drawings and Specification have been amended. No new matter has been introduced into the application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application be withdrawn, and the instant application be assigned a filing date of October 15, 2003 and allowed to continue to substantive examination.

Objection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Office objected to the instant application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) because this application was filed without page 12 of the Specification. Page 13 to page 31 of the Specification have been renumbered to be page 12 to page 30. Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Omitted Item(s) be withdrawn, and the application be allowed to continue to substantive examination.

Figures Incorporated by Reference

Applicant has inadvertently omitted five Drawing Sheets when filing the instant divisional patent application on October 15, 2003. The instant application was clearly designated as a divisional application of parent Patent Application No. 09/863,928. The entire contents of the parent patent application were also expressly incorporated by reference into the instant application.

M.P.E.P. 2163.07(b) permits Applicant to replace materials identified as incorporated by reference with the actual materials without introducing new matter. Since the instant application, as originally filed, expressly incorporated by reference parent Patent Application No. 09/863,928, the

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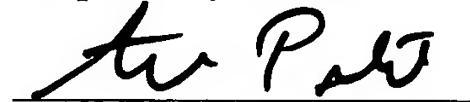
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five drawing sheets from the parent application may be introduced into the instant application without constituting new matter. These five drawing sheets from parent Patent Application No. 09/863,928 have been included with this Paper. Applicant respectfully requests that these five drawing sheets, which contain FIG. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, be included in the instant application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the five drawing sheets be accepted, and the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application be withdrawn. The Office is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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